

Remarks

Applicants thank the Examiner for the helpful comments and suggestions provided throughout prosecution. Applicants further thank the Examiner for the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due mailed July 14, 2003.

The present paper is submitted in response to the Examiner's Amendment mailed July 14, 2003. As noted, authorization for the Examiner's Amendment of the title and in claim 45, line 1 changing "Hybridoma" to "A hybridoma" was granted by Applicants' representative. Under 37 C.F.R. §1.312, Applicants have amended a formal matter in the specification.¹ No new matter enters by way of the foregoing amendment. As such, entry of the present amendment and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested. Applicants also respectfully note that the sequences in the formal figures will be identified by SEQ ID NOs. as requested in the Notice to Comply, mailed March 27, 2003 as part of Paper No. 40.²

¹ Applicants respectfully request that on page 62, line 1, "CLAIMS" is amended to recite "WHAT IS CLAIMED" instead of the Examiner's Amendment, "WE CLAIM".

² Applicants note that an optional substitute sequence listing was not provided in response to the Notice to Comply, mailed March 27, 2003 as part of Paper No. 40. A copy of the Notice to Comply, mailed March 27, 2003 as part of Paper No. 40, is submitted herewith.

Conclusion

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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Amendment

In the specification:

Please **replace** the line at page 62, line 1 with the following **amended** line:

WE WHAT IS CLAIMED